

**Livable Delaware Advisory Council
October 18, 2004
Paradee Center, Dover**

Minutes

The Governor's Advisory Council on Planning Coordination held a meeting on Monday, October 18, 2004 at the UofD Paradee Center, State Personnel Training Center, Dover, Delaware.

Members Present: Lt. Governor John Carney, Chair

**Eileen M. Butler
Director Judy McKinney Cherry
Secretary John Hughes
Randy Marvel
Ken Murphy
Paul Morrill
Marty Ross
Representative Roger Roy
Secretary Michael Scuse
Robert Stickels**

Members Absent:

**Joe Corrado
Sherry Freebery
Secretary Nathan Hayward
Robert McLeod
Richard Pryor
Senator Robert L. Venables
Rick Woodin**

Others Present:

**Charles Baker, New Castle County
Kevin F. Coyle, DNREC
Mary Grace Fariello, New Castle County Land Use
Doug Gramiak, Office of Lt. Governor
Dave Hill, Budget Office
Connie Holland, Planning
Karen Horton, DSHA
Herb Inden, State Planning
Richard Kantz, Sussex County Planning
Andrea Kreiner, Governor's Office**

Mr. Carney called the meeting to order at 1:10 P.M.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOMETOWN OVERLAYS

Mr. Carney then introduced Mr. Charles Baker from New Castle County Land Use, who gave a PowerPoint presentation on "Hometown Overlay Zoning". The presentation covered Claymont and Hockessin. There was some discussion on the Hockessin segment. Council member Ken Murphy worked on this project and offered some additional information. (The Hometown Overlay enabling legislation, as well as the Overlays for Hockessin and Claymont can be found on the Land Use Legislation page on the web at <http://nccdeltu.org/>. From the Main Page, select "Land Use Legislation" in the right hand column. The list of pending and approved land use ordinances are found in the left column on the legislation page.)

SUMMARY OF LIVABLE DELAWARE ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2001-2004

Ms. Kreiner presented a paper, *Livable Delaware, Accomplishments 2001-2004*. She stated that by no means was it a complete list but covered most of the legislation, programs and policies that the Council worked on over the past three and one-half years. (attached) Mr. Carney asked that the Design Subcommittee's Better Models for Delaware be added to the list.

DISCUSSION – WHAT SHOULD WE FOCUS ON GOING FORWARD

Previously, having asked council members to think about what the council should focus on in the future, the following were some suggestions:

1. Infrastructure Financing (Joe Corrado's Report)
2. Revisit Annexation Issues
3. Housing Recommendations (Waiting for DSHA Report)
4. Revisit Historic Preservation Tax Credits

Mr. Stickles and Mr. Hughes mentioned issues dealing with storm water utilities and water management. Mr. Carney said that to an extent those issues would be covered under Infrastructure Financing. Ms. Butler asked about growth zones being too large. Mr. Carney said that each county would have to look at that issue and revisions should show up in their 2007 Comprehensive Plans. Other suggestions were environmentally sensitive growth areas and mobility friendly designs.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Stickles distributed papers listing proposed initiatives and suggested committee members for a *Moderately Priced Housing Program*. (see attached) This program would provide for moderately priced housing in Sussex County for people working in the area. To qualify an individual would have to meet certain requirements. Mr. Hughes suggested that they also look at making the homes energy efficient. Mr. Stickles said that the building code committee would discuss that issue. Mr. Carney asked that the Council revisit this proposal when Sandy Johnson is present.

DETERMINE FUTURE MEETING DATES

Due to time constraints this topic was not discussed. At this time, no November meeting is scheduled. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 13, 2004 at 1:00 P.M. at the Paradee Center, Dover.

Mr. Carney adjourned the meeting at 3:00 P.M.